

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I.      Claims 1-16, drawn to a method for injection molding of foamed light metal; and

Group II.      Claims 17-23, drawn to an apparatus for injection molding of foamed light metal.

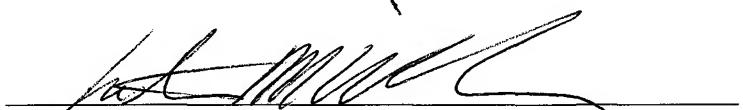
Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 17-23 (drawn to an apparatus for injection molding of foamed light metal) , for examination.

Upon making a determination of allowable subject matter for elected Group II, the Office is requested to rejoin and allow method Claims 1-16 pursuant to M.P.E.P. 821.04 (b) which states that "if applicant elects a claim(s) directed to a product which is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable product claim will be considered for rejoinder".

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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